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PROPOSED AMENDED AND NEW CLAIMS
FOR LO25-005 (SERIAL NO. 09/975,920)
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3. (Currently Amended) Temperature compensation apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the one or more heat-distributing bodies are solid and are made from a material of high specific thermal conductivity, the specific thermal conductivity being substantially higher than, ~~in particular~~ at least ten times as high as that of the material of which the thermally loaded body consists.

5. (Currently Amended) Temperature compensation apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the one or more heat-distributing bodies is connected via a supporting body to an external bearing structure, and is held by the latter, while there is no connection, or only a connection of very low stiffness (elastic connection) between the thermally loaded body and the at least one of the one or more heat-distributing bodies, as well as between the thermally loaded body and the supporting body.

13. (Currently Amended) Temperature compensation apparatus as claimed in claim 12, wherein the fluid-filled gap is connected to a pressure-compensating device via a connection, ~~i.e. a volume-compensating channel~~.

14. (Currently Amended) Temperature compensation apparatus as claimed in claim 12, wherein the heat-distributing bodies are solid and are made from a material of high specific thermal conductivity, the specific thermal conductivity being substantially higher than, ~~in particular~~ at least ten times as high as that of the material of which the thermally loaded body consists.

28. (New) Temperature compensation apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the one or more heat-distributing bodies is connected via a supporting body to an external bearing structure, and is held by the latter by an elastic connection between the thermally loaded body and the at least one of the one or more heat-distributing bodies, as well as between the thermally loaded body and the supporting body.

29. (New) Temperature compensation apparatus as claimed in claim 12, wherein the fluid-filled gap is connected to a pressure-compensating device via a volume-compensating channel.